HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. _____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the department of natural resources not to purchase any more land in Crawford and Perry counties using heritage trust funds.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the department of natural resources not to purchase any more land in Crawford and Perry counties using money from the heritage trust funds.

Whereas, The Indiana heritage trust fund was established in 1992 to acquire properties for new or existing state parks, state forests, nature preserves, wetlands, and fish and wildlife areas to ensure that Indiana's natural heritage would be preserved for future generations;

Whereas, Because land purchased by the department of natural resources using heritage trust fund money is not taxed, the property tax base for Crawford and Perry counties is being reduced; and

Whereas, Since property taxes are the main source of funding for local governments, this reduced property tax base will result in a hardship to governmental entities in Crawford and Perry counties: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

| 1 | SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the |
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| 2 | department of natural resources to stop purchasing land in Crawford |
| 3 | and Perry counties using money from the heritage trust fund. |

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the director of the department of natural resources.



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